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**Positive Measles Cases in Summit County**

[Akron, OH] –Summit County Public Health (SCPH) is investigating a single confirmed measles case in an unvaccinated individual in Summit County.

SCPH is conducting a case investigation and contact tracing. “Our communicable disease staff is working diligently to identify and notify any potential exposures.” said Donna Skoda, SCPH Health Commissioner. The most important thing you can do to protect against measles is to get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine if you have not been vaccinated. Ninety percent of unvaccinated individuals who are exposed to measles will become infected. SCPH’S clinic offers MMR vaccinations call 330-375-2772 to make an appointment.

Measles spreads easily by coughing, talking or being in the same room with someone who has measles. Initial symptoms of measles include a high fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes followed by a rash that typically spreads from the head to the rest of the body. It generally takes 8 to 12 days from exposure to someone with measles to the first symptom, which is usually fever. The measles rash usually appears two to three days after the fever begins. If you have symptoms of measles, call your doctor or clinic and they will let you know if you need to come in for a visit. Please remember to call your provider ahead of time to let them know about your symptoms and potential exposure to measles before going into the office or urgent care facility.

**For questions please call 330-375-2662. For more information regarding measles please: visit <https://www.scph.org/news/measles> or <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/vaccine-preventable-diseases/resources/measles>.**

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